

P-401/CP-89-951 ORDER GRANTING TIME EXTENSION

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Don Storm	Chair
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Norma McKanna	Commissioner

In the Matter of a Petition for Extended Area Service From the Hokah Exchange to the La Crosse, Wisconsin Calling Area	ISSUE DATE: May 7, 1992 DOCKET NO. P-401/CP-89-951
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In the Matter of the Petition of Certain Subscribers in the Northfield Exchange for Extended Areas Service to the Minneapolis/St. Paul Metropolitan Calling Area	DOCKET NO. P-421/CP-87-352
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In the Matter of the Petition of Certain Subscribers in the Cannon Falls Exchange for Extended Areas Service to the Minneapolis/St. Paul Metropolitan Calling Area	DOCKET NO. P-407,421/CP-87-216 ORDER GRANTING TIME EXTENSION
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**PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

On January 29, 1992, the Commission issued its ORDER DENYING PETITIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION in these three joined matters. The Commission directed the local exchange companies (LECs) serving the petitioning and the petitioned exchanges, the interexchange carriers (IXCs) serving these exchanges, and the Minnesota Department of Public Service (the Department) to report, within 45 days of the Order, i.e by March 16, 1992, a reliable and uniform traffic study methodology that could be used by the LECs in developing their cost studies and proposed rates.

On March 5, 1992, the parties met to develop the requested methodology.

On March 16, 1992, the Department submitted a request on behalf of the convening parties that the Commission extend the time for filing the report 30 days beyond the date of the Order granting the extension.

On March 31, 1992, the Commission met to consider this matter.

## FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

In support of its request for additional time, the Department indicated that work has been done and progress is being made. According to the Department, LEC representatives have introduced a promising variation on the traffic methodology currently in use on proposed intraLATA EAS routes. The Department reported that the parties feel confident that a workable uniform interLATA EAS traffic methodology will be agreed to in the near future.

The Commission recognizes the importance and complexity of developing a reliable and uniform traffic study methodology. In light of the Department's assessment of the status of that project, it appears reasonable to grant the additional time requested.

## ORDER

1. The time extension requested by the Minnesota Department of Public Service (the Department) is granted. The report required by Ordering Paragraph 2 of the Commission's January 29, 1992 Order in these joined matters shall be due no later than 30 days following the date of this Order.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Richard R. Lancaster  
Executive Secretary

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